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PAUCITY OF BASIC FACILITIES IN DELHI ZOO
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the paucity of basic facilities like cold drinking water, cafeterias, guides and transport to move about in the Delhi Zoo which have been highlighted many times; and

(b) if so, the steps the Government have taken to improve the situation?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a)& (b) National Zoological Park is the only place in Delhi where the visitors can have communion with nature; walking on footaround zoo facilitates the process. Battery operated trolleys are available to facilitate children and inform people to go around the park. For supply of drinking water several water taps have been provided. Water coolers have also been fixed at four places. Ministry of Environment and Forests does not encourage eating houses and cafeterias inside the zoo because of the fact that in past there have been deaths of animals due to consumption of half eaten food in polythene bags. However one cafeteria has been allowed inside the zoo. Also, apart from a Zoo Canteen, there are several cold drinks and tea shops outside the gate of the zoo. Trained guides are available to take the visitors around.